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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Taka-Aki Sato
U.S. Serial No.: 09/327,750 Examiner: J.A. Goldberg
Filing Date : June 7, 1999 Group Art Unit: 1634
For : GENE ENCODING NADE, P75^{NTR}-ASSOCIATED CELL
DEATH EXECUTOR AND USES THEREOF

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action issued on March 27, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 27, 2002 Office Action was originally due June 27, 2002. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time from June 27, 2002 to September 27, 2002 for responding to the March 27, 2002 Office Action.

The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$460.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today, September 27, 2002, for the purpose of filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

No fee, other than the enclosed \$460.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is

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required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

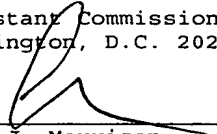
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